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has not prevented any action in this point. The funds are being spent and they are worrying about where they are going to come from later but the lack of a large sum in the emergency fund of the Governor at this point did not prevent them from taking necessary action. They went ahead with what they considered to be necessary despite the fact that it would cost more than the funds that were now in the emergency fund. That I think will be their policy in the future as I understand it and has been in previous administrations.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well I don't want to belabor this point, but I understand that the Corps of Engineers objected to dynamiting at an earlier time. Would you want to address that or do you have any knowledge of it?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I have no knowledge of that subject.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I have an informational question for Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Bereuter, you said that your Committee will be discussing this issue this afternoon?

SENATOR BEREUTER: It has not been set on the agenda but the information has just been delivered us from the Executive Branch. It would be my recommendation that we do consider what action if necessary on the deficit appropriation bill, but I think really the only action that is necessary is to bracket it when it does reach Final Reading.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Bereuter, if there's substantive discussion on this issue I would think you would be well advised to invite those Senators that will have to coordinate that effort and I particularly speak of Senator Reutzel and Senator Simon, Senator Keyes, myself, Senator Schmit and some of those to that particular hearing to find out what is occurring at that point in time.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you, Senator Lewis. You can expect that. I would say, however, that today we have no information available on the ultimate cost, nothing even vague and so all we will be doing today is discussing the need to bracket the deficit appropriation bill until that information is available and at that time I would personally, as one member invite you to participate.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk. 184 A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 184 A was a bill introduced by Senator John DeCamp. It's a bill for enact to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of LB 184, 85th Legislature, Second Session, 1978. This is 184 A, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: This is the A bill for the litter bill. Remember I told you all the funding and financing of the litter bill comes out of the litter money itself. We're not taking an additional extra penny out of the general fund